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Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1, 5, and 6-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Kubo et al.* (“*Kubo*”) (U.S. Patent No. US 6,765,691 B2). As will be explained in more detail below, the *Kubo* reference does not disclose each and every feature specified in independent claims 1 and 6-8, as amended herein.

The *Kubo* reference states in column 22, lines 64-66, that Figure 10 shows a dialog box, which is displayed on the monitor for setting trimming. This means that the parameters shown in Figure 10 are set by the user. As such, the *Kubo* reference does not disclose a trimming process that is executed based on the image production record information produced by the image-producing device as in the claimed subject matter.

Accordingly, for at least the foregoing reasons, claims 1 and 6-8, as amended herein, are patentable under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over *Kubo*. Claim 5, which depends from claim 1, is likewise patentable under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over *Kubo* for at least the same reasons set forth above regarding claim 1.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of claims 1-8, as amended herein, and submit that these claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a notice of allowance is respectfully requested. In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at **(408) 749-6902**. If any additional fees are due in connection with

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the filing of this paper, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. MIPFP066).

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